



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' UNION OF NORWAY

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**International Students' Union  
of Norway (ISU)**

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- Studentenes Landsforbund (StL)
- Norsk Studentunion (NSU)
- Studentenes og Akademikernes Internasjonale Hjelpfond (SAIH)

### **ISU General Info and Objective**

The International Students' Union of Norway (ISU) is an independent, democratic, non-profit, non-partisan organization run for and by international students. ISU is committed to the social, academic and political interests of all international students studying in Norway. ISU's national administration is located in Oslo, with a National President, two Vice Presidents and an Organizational Secretary. ISU member organizations are located at 12 institutions of higher education around Norway. ISU's basic funding is from the Norwegian Government with an annual amount of NOK 270.000,00. ISU is in partnership with NSU, StL and SAIH.

### **Overview of Report Period**

During the past 6 months, ISU had one major event: it's second National Assembly (NAii08) during April. While between the ends of spring and summer most of the students were finishing up their semesters and or going on vacation. The new academic year has started for most and so are the ISU General Assemblies in each of the 12 branches.

### **Previous and Current Activities**

During April 2008, all three organizations had their major yearly meetings. ISU National President attended the exciting NSU Landsting while ISU Vice President attended the as exciting as Landsstyremøte of StL.

A week later ISU held its second National Assembly (NAii08) during the academic year 2007-2008 in Trondheim successfully. The NA included interesting lecturers and session (refer to attached Minutes), in addition to be hosted by one of Norway's beautiful towns and committed academic institutions (NTNU & HIST). For more info about the event please refer to the following link: [http://www.isu-norway.no/NAI2008/NAI\\_2008.php](http://www.isu-norway.no/NAI2008/NAI_2008.php)

In July 2008, the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research ([Kunnskapsdepartementet](#)) approved on our budget and granted ISU the fully requested sum of

NOK 270.000,00. This is indeed a fantastic notion that proves the seriousness of ISU and the ministry for the welfare of international students in Norway.

Concerning our lobbying for better financial situation for Quota Scheme Students in Norway, the government and Lånekassen have not come up with any solutions during spring and summer 2008. More efforts on this issue have been planned during the coming months.

Table.1 Summery of official meetings that ISU have been invited to and attended:

Meeting	Date	Place
NSU Landsting	11-13 April	Stavanger
StL Landsstyremøte	11-13 April	Hamar

### Up-coming Activities and Meetings

- ISU Local Branches are holding their General Assemblies during this period. So far only half done so and have a new board and 6 more branches will hold their GA during September,
- ISU will be attending both NSU and StL's first Landsstyre;
- ISU will be attending SAIH's conference: "[\*The Student Organisation in the Democracy – Democracy in the Student Organisation\*](#)" at Oslo University College 13th and 14th September 2008;
- ISU will be hiring a new Organizational Secretary in September (refer to attached ad),
- ISU will be having its first National Assembly (NAi08) during this academic year. The NAi08 will take place at [University of Life Sciences/ Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap](#) (UMB), Ås.

### Summery

ISU is looking forward for a new academic year, full of new members, exciting events and meetings, more expansion of ISU branches, more cooperation and possible new partnerships.

### Acknowledgments

ISU would like to thank the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research ([Kunnskapsdepartementet](#)) for approving all of ISU's proposed budget and request for funding. We hope to strive to their expectations.

ISU would also like to thank Høgskolen i Sør-Trøndelag (HIST), Norges teknisk-naturvitenskapelige universitet (NTNU), Studentsamskipnaden i Trondheim and Trondheim Kommune that had contributed so generously for the success of our National Assembly in Trondheim. Their efforts presented the city and its educational institute as a welcoming atmosphere for international students. ISU will take this occasion to dutifully thank the former ISU Trondheim President Bastien Mercenier and his fantastic team in making sure the NA was such a success. Their work and dedication is much appreciated and will be remembered always.

ISU also thanks the dedication of last year's ISU Local Branches represented by their Presidents: Narottam Aryal, Moses Olaijuwon Ajetunmobi, Xiaojie Song, Bastien Mercenier, Hiroko Wakabayashi, Nemanja Trecakov, Ricardo Duque, Lindsay Ringer, Mohammad Kabir, Jens-Christoph Kesselheim, Eric Phillips and former ISU Organizational Secretary Sasan Zarghooni.